



**YOUR  
CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER  
FLIGHTLINER  
AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION**



September 2012



# CHAPTER ADOPTS A NEW MISSION

## AWARDS AND INSTALLATION LUNCHEON - **MAKE IT A DATE!**

*Saturday, September 29th*

11:30 Social, 12:00 Lunch

AFA Members and Guests Welcome!

**Reserve Your Spot Now!**

*(See the Info and Reservation Form, page 7)*

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### Chapter Officers Ready to Lead!

Congratulations to our 2012/2013 chapter officers. We all wish them the best as we join them in a new year. They all have exemplary experience and abilities to continue the success of our chapter.

- President**  
**Mike Liquori**
- Executive Vice President**  
**Bill Palmby**
- Secretary**  
**Jim DeRose**
- Treasurer**  
**Bryan Paul**

### Chapter Teacher of Year Wins National!

*by Bill Yucuis, V.P. Aerospace Ed.*

Lori Bradner has been named the 2012 AFA National Teacher of the Year. Just last year, Lori was named the 2011 Central Florida Chapter Teacher of the Year, Florida State Teacher of the Year, and placed second for AFA National Teacher of the Year. Anyone who has met Lori Bradner quickly discovers she is passionate about teaching and amazed by all her accomplishments. In her awards submission, Lori summed up  
*See Chapter Teacher page 4*

### **Central Florida Chapter Mission**

Our mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense and to honor Airmen and our Air Force heritage. To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security
- **ADVOCATE** for aerospace power and STEM education
- **SUPPORT** the total Air Force family and promote aerospace education

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## From the President



It is hard to believe that it is time for another edition of the Flight Liner. As I reflect back on the past several months, I am continually amazed at the efforts our members go through to spread the AFA message to our local, state and national community. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our chapter members for your continued support of the Central Florida Chapter.

In this issue of the Flight Liner, you will find a run down of the state and national awards earned by our chapter and chapter members this year. As in previous years, we have a lot to be proud of. Our members have excelled at both the state and national level, and their efforts have benefitted the chapter as well. Our chapter has earned multiple Exceptional Service Awards at the national and state levels.

Thanks again for your support this past year. If you want to see your name on one of these awards next year, stop by our monthly council meetings on the second Thursday of the month down at the Orlando Executive Airport. We are always looking for new ideas and new members to take on a leadership role in the chapter.

**We look forward to seeing you at YOUR  
Chapter Council meetings!**

*Mike Liquori*

## Membership News

To help keep our organization strong, each and every one of us should always be on the lookout for new members. The prospect list is rich: newly retired Air Force members, recently separated veterans, families of Air Force members, and just about any citizen concerned with a strong national defense.

You can do it too! When you find a candidate, there are some easy ways to help them join our great organization. **Besides sharing what great things we do -- give them an application and ask them to complete it.** The application is available on our web site at [www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org](http://www.centralflorida.afaflorida.org). Just click on the tab "Join Now!!!" to print a copy.

### *Chapter Council Meeting*

**The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Showalter Flying Service building at the Orlando Executive Airport. All Officers and Council Members are requested to attend. All members are welcome.**

*Please check the calendar for any changes!*

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# CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER HALL OF FAME

Many Central Florida Chapter members have accomplished exemplary service for our Chapter, our State and our Nation throughout this and past years. *We want to recognize them for their service to AFA!*

## Chapter Awards

*Thanks again for the many members who helped!*

### AFA National

Exceptional Service Award - Best Single Program  
Exceptional Service Award - Overall Programming

### AFA Florida State/Region

Exceptional Service Award - Communications  
Exceptional Service Award - Overall Programming  
Exceptional Service Award - Veteran's Affairs

## Individual Awards

*Congratulations to each of you!*

### AFA National

Robert Hicks – Medal of Merit  
Michael Liquori - Exceptional Service Award  
Lori Bradner - Teacher of the Year

### AFA Florida State/Region

Bill Yucuis – AFA (FL) Region President's Award  
Mary McNatt – Chapter Member of the Year Award  
Lt Col (Ret) Sharon Branch - Sustained Service Citation  
Capt Abbilyn Johnson - Exceptional Service Citation

## FlightLiner Note

Thanks to all who have contributed to make this the best Chapter newsletter!

Please send your comments and suggestions to Ken at:  
[kennethkelly@earthlink.net](mailto:kennethkelly@earthlink.net)

Deadline for articles for the next edition is November 8, 2012

## Events Calendar

### September 2012

3 Labor Day  
13 \* Chapter Council Meeting  
15-16 AFA National Convention  
Washington, DC  
29 \* Chapter Awards & Installation Luncheon (Altamonte Hilton)

### October

8 Columbus Day  
11 \* Chapter Council Meeting

### November

8 \* Chapter Council Meeting (FlightLiner Articles Due)  
10 \* Veteran's Day Parade (Downtown Orlando)  
11 Veteran's Day 22 Thanksgiving

### December

7 \* Chapter Holiday Dinner (Altamonte Hilton)  
13 \* No Chapter Council Meeting  
25 Christmas Day

### January 2013

10 \* Chapter Council Meeting  
21 Martin Luther King Holiday

### February

14 \* Chapter Council Meeting  
18 President's Day  
20 CFC Golf supporting AWS  
20 CFC Gala (Shingle Creek)  
21-22 AFA Air Warfare Symposium

\* See details in this newsletter

## Cyberpatriot is Alive and Well!

by Jim Callahan, Past President

Your Central Florida Chapter continues to support CyberPatriot! It is the premiere national high school cyber defense competition created to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future.

Now growing in size and interest, CyberPatriot V is open to all high schools, Civil Air Patrol Units, JROTC Units, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Units, and accredited home school programs around the country.

Recent reports indicate that 537 Teams are registered for the Phase V competition. Forty-one are from Florida. Thirteen are from our area. You can go to the Cyber Patriot Web Site for more information about this exciting Aerospace Education program. <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org>



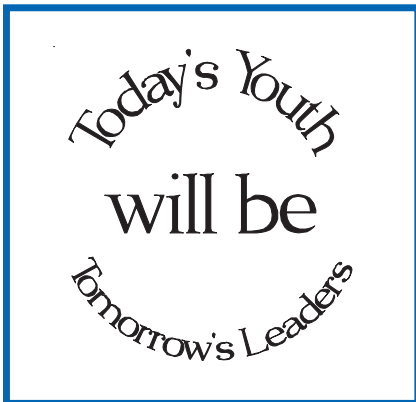


## Chapter Teacher of Year Wins National!

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her influence when she said, “Science is my passion. Teaching is my niche. My students are my inspiration. In short, I love to do it.” Lori is an energetic and dynamic teacher who challenges her students to “reach for the stars”.

Her students have worked on many NASA education projects to include communicating directly with International Space Station astronauts. Lori guided the students in submitting a Reduced Gravity project which earned



the students a chance to observe the final Discovery launch and allowed Lori the opportunity to complete the experiment aboard NASA's Reduced Gravity Flight, known as the “Vomit Comet”.

Lori has presented at the Sun n Fun Aerospace Educator Workshop, which is sponsored by our Chapter.

Sun n Fun is second largest gathering of general aviation enthusiasts, second only to the one at Oshkosh. People from all over the world attend this event. At last year's workshop, she ran into a person from Norway

which led to her class doing a joint aerospace project with a “sister” school in Norway. At last year's Sun n Fun workshop, she also learned about the CAP Aerospace Education program and decided her school would form its own

CAP unit.

This past March, she became their first commander. Her enthusiastic support of AFA programs led her district to submit a record number of teachers for our Chapter teacher of the Year program this past year.

Lori has become a staunch supporter of AFA education programs



Lori Bradner wins AFA National Teacher of the Year Award

and talks about the AFA mission at the many opportunities she has to speak to national and even international educators. I can think of no other teacher who could have the wide-ranging effect of spreading the AFA education message. Look for a more detailed review of Lori's accomplishments in an upcoming Air Force Magazine article.

## AFA CFC Welcomes Newest Lieutenants

by Mike Liquori, Chapter President

The University of Central Florida AFROTC Detachment 159 commissioned three new Second Lieutenants at the Summer 2012 commissioning ceremony held in the Cape Florida Ballroom at the UCF Student Union. The ceremony was officiated by new Det 159 Commander, Col Todd Freece. Tim Brock, AFA National Director, and Mike Liquori, Chapter President, were on hand for the ceremony.

The Central Florida Chapter once again presented each commissionee with his initial three-year membership to the AFA. **2Lt Emanuel Diaz** is headed to Goodfellow AFB as an Intel-



Lt Diaz, Lt Sanford and Lt Waite at UCF Knight Statue

ligence Officer. **2Lt Austin Sanford** will be going to Keesler AFB to serve as a Cyberspace Operations Officer. **2Lt Cory Waite** is off to Seymour Johnson AFB as an Airfield Operations Officer.



# We Salute Our Veterans

by Dennis Moran, VP Veteran Affairs



## Military and Dependent ID Cards

At last count there are three locations in Orlando for renewing ID cards. Since details fluctuate, best to call Retired Activities Office (see below) to verify latest dates and times.

You can also call Patrick AFB at 321-494-6144 for their support.

## Retired Activities Office Helps Veterans And Spouses

The Retired Activities Office is normally manned Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm by military retirees familiar with common questions and processing.

The office is located in the old DFAS building which is now known as the Lakemont Campus of the Dept of Veterans Affairs near the VA Medical Center. Call for directions or to ask questions over the phone. Phone number for the office is 407-646-4204 or 407-646-4262.

## Navy Exchange Store Open to Serve

The Navy Exchange (NEX) facility is located just west of the Orlando Int'l Airport off Tradeport Road and has been servicing eligible veterans from that new location for over 10 years.

The NEX provides a wide variety of both food and retail items and remains open for the shoppers seven days per week. The NEX also offers a barber shop, optical, deli and attraction tickets. Call 407-857-3550 for more details.

## Veteran's Day Parade in Orlando

Reminder to all that the City of Orlando sponsors an annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Orlando. This year the parade is on **Saturday, Nov 10th, starting at 11AM**. The parade has been a huge success due to the some 80 entries. Parking is available near some great viewing locations. Plan to attend with other Central Florida Chapter members who have been a part of the parade over 10 years

## Thank you Veterans!

by Mike Liquori, Chapter President

The Central Florida Chapter recently made a donation to the Corporal Larry E. Smedley National Vietnam War Museum in support of the upcoming "Thank You Veterans Cruise". Chapter President, Mike Liquori, visited the museum recently to present the donation to the museum president, Eustace Horne. The Museum is spearheading a three-day cruise to the Bahamas in December. The museum's goal is to offer 500 free rooms to returning Veterans and their spouse or someone special.

If you would like to find out more info about this program, you can visit their website:

<http://www.thankyouveteranscruise.org>



*Eustace Horne, President of the Corporal Larry E. Smedley National Vietnam War Museum, accepts Central Florida Chapter donation from Mike Liquori, AFA CFC President*



# Sailplanes to Spacecraft

by Stan and Mary McNatt, Chapter Members

Four Chapter members, Stan and Mary McNatt, along with Barbara Walters-Phillips and her husband, Pat, participated in the annual summer Aerospace Education Workshop which was jointly sponsored by the Montgomery Air Force Association Chapter 102 and the Civil Air Patrol. Barbara, who has attended before and is also the Sun n Fun Aerospace Educator Teacher's Workshop Chairman, was instrumental in some of the planning and coordination of the workshop. The Chapter is looking into possibly increasing our participation next summer and hoping to send some local teachers.

We were excited to join the other 40+ participants. The trip began on a Maxwell 908th Airlift Wing C-130 to Edwards AFB, CA. As neither of us has served in the military, this was the first time that we had been on a C-130 and we loved it – despite all the warnings that we were given about it being a long, noisy flight. Being able to land at Edwards AFB and take a tour of the flight line was one of the highlights of our trip, so we were already off to a great start! In addition to the tour of the flight line, we toured the Global Hawk Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) facility and the NASA/Dryden Flight Research Center's SOFIA airplane. It is one thing to read about the work that is done in these facilities, or even watch documentaries about them, but to see them firsthand is an unbelievable experience. We also had the opportunity to fly in an F-18 flight simulator. This is similar to ones that are currently used to train new and current pilots that are serving in our armed services today. It gave us a new sense of appreciation for the pilots that serve in our armed forces based on the complexity and skill that is involved.

At the Mojave Air and Space Port, we were able to visit The Spaceship Company including the FAITH Hanger, where the Spaceship 2 was being docked to WhiteKnight 2.

We visited the Tehachapi Wind Turbine Farm and the Terra-Gen Power Center and learned about geothermal, wind and solar energy. The tour included going to the top of a mountain and looking out over the thousands of wind turbines that cover the landscape for as far as your eyes can see. It was one of those experiences that is hard to put into words. It is also worth mentioning that we could see Edwards AFB as well.

At the Yanks Air Museum, we were given a tour of the museum. This offered a wide collection of



Mary and Stan McNatt with their glider pilot, George at the Southern California Soaring Camp

airplanes and gave all attendees the opportunity to learn the history of aircraft from years past.

One of the highlights of this trip was the visit to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which included a tour and presentation at the von Karman Museum, the Space Flight Operations Facility, and the Mars Yard, where the Mars Science Laboratory rover is tested. It gave us the opportunity to meet with several of the scientists and engineers that worked on the project and ask questions. They were able to provide us details on what strengths were needed (i.e. math, science and engineering) and how they used these different skills in their different areas of expertise. We did not expect to see the Mars Rover out in the yard when we arrived – and being able to see and hear the rover as it moved across the yard was an unbelievable experience. We learned afterwards that not even JPL employees are able to see this unless they have special permission. With the Curiosity Rover Landing on Mars (by the time you read this it will have already taken place) being so close, it has given us a personal perspective of the landing that we never would have had without this workshop.

The final day of the trip was spent at the Southern California Soaring Academy where we participated in a glider flight. This was an awesome experience. It put you right in the front seat, with the pilot in the back. The sound of the tow plane was heard as you were taken to the sky, and then once the tow line was dropped, the silence was deafening as you soared 7,000 to over 10,000 feet. For many of us, this was our first time riding in a glider and it will not be our last!

This was our first excursion of this nature, and we anticipate attending future workshops. Being able to see firsthand some of the opportunities and programs being offered to teachers that they can relate back to their students was very rewarding. And, being able to experience things that we never thought were possible made this an incredibly gratifying experience.

# VA Certificate Awarded to CFC...

by Mike Liquori, Chapter President



Mike Liquori, AFA CFC President, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation to chapter from Sandra Placencia

Sandra Placencia, VA Chief of Voluntary Services, presented the AFA CFC with a Certificate of Appreciation at our June Executive Council Meeting. Ms. Placencia thanked the chapter for our years of support to the VA. The funds our chapter provides to support the VA have been vital in providing transportation for local veterans to scheduled medical appointments. Sandra also provided the chapter members with the latest information regarding the Orlando VA Medical Center, as well as background information on the Fisher House foundation. CFC AFA remains committed to our support to the VA, and we look forward to our continued relationship.

# Awards and Installation Luncheon -- Make it a date!

by Mike Liquori, Chapter President

## Come join us!

Make your reservation today to join us for the Chapter Awards and Installation Luncheon on **Saturday, September 29th, at the Altamonte Hilton.**

In addition to honoring the chapter and several individuals for their well deserved awards, you will have the opportunity to meet your AFA friends and incoming chapter

officers.

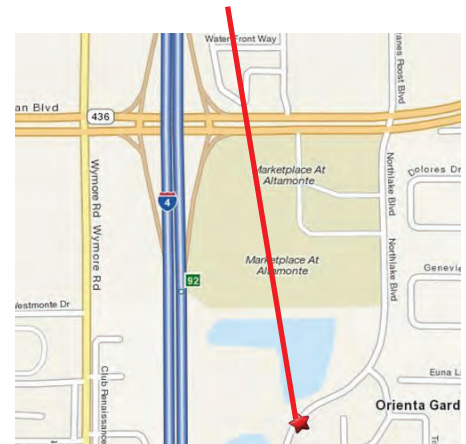
Social time is at **11:30am** with a great lunch served at **12 noon**. The Awards program will follow.

Please send in your reservation form (below) today and get ready for a great time!

### NOTE

**Reservations are due no later than September 21st**

*The Hilton is in Altamonte Springs off 436 (just East of I-4) take North Lake Blvd south...*



**Altamonte Hilton**  
350 North Lake Blvd.  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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## Reservations for Awards and Installation Luncheon

**Saturday, September 29th** at 11:30 social, 12:00 lunch

**A great lunch is planned!**

**(Members and Guests are Welcome)**

**Please make your reservations today!**

Reservations for the Awards & Installation at the Hilton Hotel, Altamonte Springs



Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made out to: **AFA-CFC**

**Mail to:** Bryan Paul, Treasurer, 1214 Swan St., Winter Springs, FL 32708-4108

For more information call: Mike Liquori (407) 412-5296

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Received No Later Than September 21, 2012**

See you there!!

# Awards and Installation Luncheon September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton *Make your Reservations Today...*

See you there!!



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The Central Florida Chapter proudly associates with our community through the Community Partner Program. We encourage all our members to support these businesses that support us.



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